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SUBJECT: HOTEL RESERVATION GUARANTEES FOR IOWA AND PENNSYLVANIA
TRADE MISSIONS

REF: (A) DHAHRAN 0282 (NOTAL), (B) USDOC 04050 (NOTAL)

1. THE ALGOSAIBI HOTEL HAS APPROACHED POST REGARDING
HOTEL RESERVATIONS OF IOGA TRADE MISSIONS VISITING DHAHRAN
FROM IOWA (MAY 4-6) AND PENNSYLVANIA (JUNE 7-11). HOTEL
HAS ASKED CONGEN TO WRITE LETTER OF GUARANTEE TO COVER
BOTH TRADE M UVSIONS. IF TRADE MISSION IS CANCELLEXAGD
TRADE MISSION MEMBERS DROP OUT LESS THAN FIVE DAYS BEFORE
MISSION IS TO ARRIVE IN DHAHRAN, CONGEN IS TO GUARANTEE
THAT TRADE MISSION WILL PAY FOR THE ROOMS RESERVED. POST
IS RELUCTANT TO WRITE LETTUJYFLESS ASSURED BY IOWA
AND PENNSYLVANIA SPONSORS OF TRADE MISSIONS AFFIRM
THAT THEY WILL REIMBRUSE CONGEN IN EVENT OF
CANCELLATIONS. PLEASE DISCUSS FOREGOING WITH IOWA
AND PENNSYLVANIA AND PROVIDE POST WITH THEIR ANSWERS
ASAP.

2. AS GENERAL COMMENT ON FOREGOING, POST IS AWARE THAT USDOC
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ENCOURAGES IOGA TRADE MISSIONS TO HANDLE HOTEL RESERVATION
MATTERS THROUGH TRAVEL AGENT OR AIRLINE. DHAHRAN SHOULD BE AN
EXCEPTION TO RULE AS REFERENCED EF ANGE OF MESSAGES ILLUSTRATES.
POST IS ALWAYS WILLING TO ASSIST TRADE MISSIONS WITH THE
MAKING OF ITS HOTEL RESERVATIONS HERE AS IT IS NEXT TO
IMPOSSIBLE TO HANDLE MATTER BY CONVENTIONAL MEANS WITH
ANY ASSURANCE THAT HOTEL RESERVATIONS WILL BE HANDLED

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CORRECTLY OR AT ALL.

3. ONE ILLUSTRATION AS TO PROBLEMS THAT CAN RESULT,
IF POST IS NOT BROUGHT INTO SERVE AS GO-BETWEEN HOTEL
AND ORGANIZER OF TRADE MISSION, WAS PROVIDED THIS WEEK
IN REGARD TO CONFIRMING RESERVATIONS FOR PENNSYLVANIA
MISSION. ALGOSAIBI HOTEL SENT TELEX CONFIRMING TRADE
MISSION AND ASKED PENNSYLVANIA TO ANSWER ADDITIONAL
QUESTIONS. EVIDENTLY STAT OF PENNSYLVANIAN TELEXED
REPLY ON APRIL 13 BUT MESSAGE HAS YET TO REA
KSALGOSAIBI.
HOTEL WAS ON POINT OF CANCELLING RESERVATIONSHZCBUSE
IT HAS NOT HEARD FROM PENNSYLVANIA AND, ONLY WHEN POST
WAS DISCUSSING IOWA TRADE MISSION MATTERS, WAS THE
POSSIBILITY OF CANCELLATION OF PENNSYLVANIA TRADE
MISSION RESERVATIONS BROUGHT TO ITS ATTENTION. IN
SHORT, POST HAS ALWASY FOUND IT MUCH EASIER TO
HANDLE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR VISITING TRADE MISSIONS
(WITH ALL THEIR LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN HOTEL SPACE
REQUIREMENTS) THAN TO SQUARE AWAY PROBLEMS THAT ALWAYS
RPT ALWAYS RESULT WHEN TRADE MISSION PLACESCESPONHUBILITY
IN HANDS OF AIRLINE OR TRAVEL AGENEKSKCOSHNELL

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